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SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN RESIDENT VISA FOR AMERICAN CITIZEN

1. OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN SLACK (CHAIRMAN, SUB-COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR STATE DEPARTMENT) HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING GOC APPROVAL OF COLOMBIAN RESIDENT VISA FOR AMCIT JANICE COZART, A CONSTITUENT OF THE CONGRESSMAN.

2. MISS COZART PLANS TO MARRY COLOMBIAN CITIZEN HEROEL HERNANDEZ IN THE US ON DECEMBER 27. THE COUPLE PLANS TO TRAVEL TO COLOMBIA JANUARY 12 TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE. MISS COZART STATES THAT SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SHIP HER HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS TO COLOMBIA UNLESS SHE HAS RESIDENT VISA. SHE STATES, AND COLOMBIAN EMBASSY HERE CONFIRMS, THAT RESIDENT VISA APPLICATION HAS BEEN PENDING FOR SOME TIME IN BOGOTA. A SR. GAMBA IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS SAID TO BE FAMILIAR WITH HER APPLICATION.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN FROM APPROPRIATE GOC AUTHORITIES STATUS OF MISS COZART'S VISA APPLICATION AND

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TO URGE EXPEDITIOUS DISPOSITION, IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL

CIRCUMSTANCES IN THIS CASE. IS ANY MORE INFORMATION FROM
MISS COZART OR HER FIANCE NEEDED? WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE

FOR GOC TO APPROVE RESIDENT VISA BY THE END OF THIS MONTH,
IN ORDER FOR MISS COZART TO ARRANGE SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD
EFFECTS PRIOR TO JANUARY 12? IF THAT IS NOT FEASIBLE, IS
THERE SOME OTHER WAY MISS COZART AND FIANCE COULD SHIP
HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND TRAVEL AS OUTLINED IN PARA TWO?

4. PLEASE REPLY, ON INTERIM BASIS IF NECESSARY, BY COB
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